

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 WILD FISH CONSERVANCY,

CASE NO. C17-1708-JCC

10 Plaintiff,

ORDER

11 v.

12 COOKE AQUACULTURE PACIFIC LLC,

13 Defendant.  
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15 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's unopposed motion to seal (Dkt. No.80)  
16 an exhibit filed in support of Plaintiff's second motion for partial summary judgment (Dkt. No.  
17 81). Having thoroughly considered the filings and the relevant record, the Court finds oral  
18 argument unnecessary and hereby GRANTS the motion for the reasons explained herein.

19 "[T]here is a strong presumption of public access to [the Court's] files." W.D. Wash.  
20 Local Civ. R. 5(g)(3). The presumption of public access may be overcome if the Court finds a  
21 compelling reason to seal and articulates a factual basis for its decision. *Kamakana v. City & Cty.*  
22 *of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178–79 (9th Cir. 2006).

23 The Court previously entered the parties' stipulated protective order, which limits the  
24 disclosure of the parties' confidential information. (*See* Dkt. No. 22.) Defendant designated the  
25 exhibit at issue as "confidential" pursuant to the protective order, as it contains Defendant's  
26 sensitive business information. (*See* Dkt. No. 80.) Having reviewed the exhibit, the Court agrees

1 that it contains confidential information that falls within the scope of the protective order. (*See*  
2 Dkt. No. 22.) Thus, a compelling reason to seal exists that overcomes the presumption of public  
3 access to the exhibit. *See Kamakana*, 447 F.3d at 1178–79.

4 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff’s motion to seal (Dkt. No. 80) is GRANTED. The  
5 Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain Docket Number 81 under seal until further order of the Court.

6 DATED this 1st day of October 2019.

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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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